



CITY of BEAVERTON

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BEAVERTON RECOGNIZED AS A TREE CITY USA FOR SIXTEENTH YEAR

BEAVERTON, Oregon (April 30, 2010) – The City of Beaverton has been recognized as a **Tree City USA** for the sixteenth year by the **National Arbor Day Foundation**. City Lead Arborist Pat Hoff will give a presentation on the recognition to Mayor Denny Doyle and the Beaverton City Council on Monday, May 3 at 6 p.m. in the Council Chambers at **City Hall (4755 SW Griffith Drive)**. In addition, Beaverton will receive a Tree City USA flag, plaque and community signs showing the city's years of participation.

"I'm proud of Beaverton's recognition once again as a Tree City USA," said **Mayor Doyle**. "This designation represents the community's commitment to creating a better place for our families, friends and neighbors to live, work and play. Our Lead Arborist Pat Hoff does outstanding work, and this award clearly recognizes that tireless effort."

In order to be recognized as a Tree City USA, communities must meet four requirements which include: having a **designated tree board, forestry professional or city department** responsible for the care of trees in the community; passing a **tree-care ordinance**; having an **active forestry program** in place; and proclaiming and hosting an **Arbor Day celebration**. Numerous other elements including tree planting, tree preservation, disease management and pruning are key factors to Beaverton's selection.

"Our program is very proactive in its approach to tree maintenance and preservation," said **Pat Hoff, Lead Arborist**. "Thanks to the support of volunteers and community partners, Beaverton's trees have become more diversified and we have increased our forested areas."

Beaverton is one of the few cities in Oregon that maintains a full-time tree maintenance program and employs two full-time arborists. **During 2009, Beaverton, in partnership with Friends of Trees, was involved in three major tree-planting projects in the city:** an Arbor Day tree planting celebration in Greenway Park, a street tree planting on SW Maple Avenue and a street tree planting on SW Royal Woodlands Drive. In April 2010, the city once again celebrated Arbor Day, planting 40 trees in Forest Glen Park.

There are **more than 35,000 street trees in Beaverton** and **5,400 on City-owned property**. New trees are added each year to enhance the quality of the neighborhood environment. On March 22 of this year, Mayor Denny Doyle proclaimed the week of **April 4 through 10 as Arbor Week in Beaverton**.

ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton was recently named the **safest city in the Northwest** for the third consecutive year. Among other accolades, Beaverton was also lauded as one of the **Best Places to Raise Kids in America by BusinessWeek** magazine, one of the **Top 100 Best Places to Live in America by Money** magazine, an **All-America City finalist in 2005**, is recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency as a **Green Power Community** and is designated as a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** by the League of American Bicyclists. Beaverton also enjoys the most diverse population (by percentage of population) among Oregon cities.

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